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SMITH, WALTER BEDELL: COLLECTION OF WORLD WAR II DOCUMENTS, 1941-1945

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Dr. Wayne Grover, Archivist of the United States, received both the personal papers and the World War II records of Walter Bedell Smith in April, 1962 on behalf of the Eisenhower Library from the executors of the Smith estate. The Collection of World War II Documents was received by the Eisenhower Library from the Modern Military Records Branch of the National Archives in four separate shipments: August 24, 1966; September 19, 1968; April 28, 1972; and February 8, 1974.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied:	20
Approximate number of pages:	40,000
Approximate number of items:	10,500

This collection was accepted from the executors of General Smith's estate in accordance with General Smith's Last Will and Testament dated May 12, 1961. It was General Smith's wish that the collection "will be safeguarded and will be handled in accordance with the provisions governing similar papers that will be deposited in the Eisenhower Library." The collection, therefore, was processed under the provisions of the letter of gift from President Eisenhower to Franklin Floete (Administrator of General Services), with the following classes of documents withheld from research use:

1. Papers that are security-classified pursuant to law or Executive order, until such classification shall be removed.
2. Papers the use of which may be prejudicial to the maintenance of good relations with foreign nations.
3. Papers containing statements made by or to General Smith in confidence.
4. Papers relating to General Smith's family or private business affairs, and papers relating to the families or private business affairs of persons who have had correspondence with General Smith.
5. Papers containing statements about individuals which might be used to injure or harass them or members of their families.

Literary property rights for the unpublished writings of General Smith in this collection and in other collections in the Eisenhower Library were not mentioned in General Smith's Last Will and Testament.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

General Walter Bedell Smith served as General Dwight D. Eisenhower's Chief of Staff from August 1942 through 1945. While Chief of Staff General Smith maintained a file of documents that were primarily compiled by the General Staff Secretariat of AFHQ and SHAEF. Following World War II these records were maintained in the War Department Library and the Army War College Library before General Smith decided, shortly before his death, to deposit his collection in the Eisenhower Library.

The records cover the campaigns and operations directed by AFHQ and SHAEF as well as the functioning of their headquarters. Copies of some of the records are located in the Modern Military Records Division of the National Archives. The collection is arranged by series according to the type of organization that created the records and chronologically thereunder.

A significant segment of this collection is the cable logs. They contain extracts or complete texts of messages received by or sent from the AFHQ and SHAEF on a daily basis. The logs were maintained in the office of the Secretary of the General Staff and were frequently initialed by General Eisenhower with occasional notes for staff guidance. Only a portion of the AFHQ logs is duplicated in the AFHQ records in the United Kingdom, and no copies of the SHAEF logs are among the SHAEF records in the National Archives.

Another valuable segment is the Eyes Only Cables. These highly classified cables were used only by the Supreme Commander, General Smith, and their superiors in Washington and London. Many of the messages have not been located elsewhere. Also included within the collection are divisional handbooks (unit histories), intelligence summaries, and material re the Casablanca and Cairo conferences, the capitulation of Italy, the BOLERO build-up program, OVERLORD-ANVIL, and the military government of Germany.

Numerous photographs, sound-recordings, motion picture films, and maps have been removed from the collection and transferred to the Eisenhower Library Audiovisual and Map Collections. Several books have also been transferred to the Eisenhower Library Book Collection.

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

Box Nos. Series

1-38 I. ALLIED COMMAND. 1942-1945. 38 containers

 SUBSERIES A: COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF. 1943. 1 ½ containers.

Cables, correspondence, memoranda, minutes, and reports re the Casablanca and TRIDENT conferences of the Combined Chiefs of Staff. Arrangement is chronological.

2-20 SUBSERIES B: ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS (AFHQ). 1942-1944. 18 ½ containers.

Cable logs, cables, correspondence, histories, messages, minutes, notes, and reports re AFHQ operations and activities in North Africa and Italy. Arrangement is chronological.

21-38 SUBSERIES C: SHAEF. 1943-1945. 18 containers.

Cable logs, cables, charts, correspondence, directives, histories, leaflets, maps, messages, plans, reports, and rosters re SHAEF operations and activities in Europe. Arrangement is chronological.

38-39 II. WAR AND NAVY DEPARTMENT. 1954. 1/4 container.

Reports issued by the U.S. Departments of War and Navy. Arrangement is chronological.

39-45 III. THEATERS OF OPERATIONS. 1943-1945. 7 containers.

Charts, histories, intelligence summaries, interviews, maps, notes, and reports re the operations and activities of Allied forces in North Africa, Sicily, the Ardennes, and Germany during Allied occupation. Arrangement is chronological.

45-47 IV. ARMY OPERATIONAL UNIT. 1944-1945. 1 1/4 containers.

Histories, notes, and reports re the operations and activities of Allied army units in Europe. Arrangement is chronological.

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Instructions, notes, orders, and reports re the operations and activities of Allied naval units in Europe. Arrangement is chronological.

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